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SGT. 1ST CLASS BENJAMIN KONRAD

Sergeant 1st Class Benjamin Konrad was born Jan. 1, 1977 in Mitchell, S.D., to Dan and Diane Konrad. He spent his early years growing up in Germany, Alabama, Tennessee and Colorado. After graduating from Franklin County High School in Winchester, Tenn., in 1995, Konrad attended the University of Tennessee at Martin for one year.

Konrad joined the United States Marine Corps in 1996 as a Marine infantryman and spent his first tour in Keflavik, Iceland, at the Marine Barracks. He was then assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, at Camp Lejeune, N.C. From Camp Lejeune, he deployed to Okinawa, Mount Fuji, Korea, Twenty-Nine Palms and Bridgeport, Calif.

In July 2000, Konrad left the Marines and joined the Army as an Army infantryman. He was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y. He attended Special Forces Assessment and Selection in October 2000 and started the Special Forces Qualification Course in January 2002. After graduating from SFQC as a weapons sergeant in October 2003, Konrad was assigned to ODA 3136, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). He served three combat tours in Afghanistan from 2004 to 2007. In April 2008, he was assigned to ODA 3416, 4th Battalion, 3rd SFG(A), where he currently serves as the senior weapons sergeant.

Konrad's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab.

He is married to the former Angelia L. Needs of Galion, Ohio. The Konrad's have one daughter, Lillian May Juanita Konrad.

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